PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 5385, MILITARY QUALITY OF LIFE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2007

MAY 18, 2006.—Referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed

Mr. GINGREY, from the Committee on Rules, submitted the following

REPORT

[To accompany H. Res. 821]

The Committee on Rules, having had under consideration House Resolution 821, by a nonrecord vote, report the same to the House with the recommendation that the resolution be adopted.

SUMMARY OF PROVISIONS OF THE RESOLUTION

The resolution provides for consideration of H.R. 5385, the Military Quality of Life and Veterans Affairs, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2007, under an open rule. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill

Under the rules of the House the bill shall be read for amendment by paragraph. The rule waives points of order against provisions in the bill for failure to comply with clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill), except as specified in the resolution. The rule authorizes the Chair to accord priority in recognition to Members who have pre-printed their amendments in the Congressional Record.

Finally, the rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions.

EXPLANATION OF WAIVERS

The waiver of all points of order against consideration of the bill includes a waiver of clause 4(c) of Rule XIII (availability of printed hearings from the Committee on Appropriations). The waiver of

clause 2 of rule XXI (prohibiting unauthorized appropriations or legislative provisions in an appropriations bill) against provisions in the bill is necessary because there are numerous unauthorized appropriations and legislative provisions in the bill.

The waiver of all points of order also includes a waiver of Section 306 of the Congressional Budget Act (prohibiting consideration of legislation within the jurisdiction of the Committee on the Budget unless reported by the Budget Committee).

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